

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 28, 32-41, and 45-54 as follows.

Claims 1-27. (Cancelled).

28. (Currently Amended) A method of sharing resources between operators in cellular mobile communication networks, the method comprising ~~wherein each operator comprises its own dedicated resource, and wherein for a new connection, in particular an incoming call and/or a handover, a serving operator (A) is enabled during operation to use another operator's (B) or other operators' (B, C, D, ...) resource(s),~~

enabling a service operator during operation to use another operator's or other operators' resources for a new connection during at least one of an incoming call or a handover;

~~characterized in that said~~ wherein the operators (A, B, C, D, ...) cover the same geographical area, and said resource sharing is dynamical and seamless in a proactive manner so that the new connection is not interrupted,

wherein each operator comprises its own dedicated resource.

29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein said resource is a frequency, a frequency band or a channel.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein said resource comprises a radio frequency equipment.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28, wherein said resource comprises a channel processing hardware.

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein each operator further comprises its own dedicated network infrastructure,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein during operation the serving operator (A) is enabled to further use at least a part of the network infrastructure(s) of the other operator(s) ~~(B; B,~~ C, D, ...).

33. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 28,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said resource sharing is carried out upon occurrence of a predetermined condition.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 32,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said further network infrastructure sharing is carried out upon occurrence of a predetermined condition.

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises exhaustion of coverage of said serving operator (A) while other operators (B, C, D, ...) provide sufficient coverage.

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises increase of load or overload in the serving operator's (A) network.

37. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises congestion wherein there are no free resources for a new connection.

38. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises a situation affecting a predetermined quality of service (QoS).

39. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein interferences on the serving operator's (A) network are too high to fulfill requirements of service subscription for a particular customer requiring high quality carrier.

40. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 33,

~~characterized in that wherein~~ said predetermined condition comprises a situation wherein the costs for the connection are lower in another operator's ~~(e.g. B)~~ network than in the serving operator's ~~(A)~~ network.

41. (Currently Amended) A system of sharing resources between operators in cellular mobile communication networks, the system comprising:

~~means for enabling unit configured to enable~~ enabling a serving operator ~~(A)~~ for a new connection, in particular an incoming call and/or a handover,

~~characterized in that wherein~~ said enabling ~~means~~ unit is provided to dynamically and seamlessly share resource(s) from other operator(s) ~~(B, C, D, ...)~~ of the same geographical area during operation in a proactive manner so that the new connection is not interrupted.

42. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 41, wherein said resource is a frequency, a frequency band or a channel.

43. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 41, wherein said resource comprises a radio frequency equipment.

44. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 41, wherein said resource comprises a channel processing hardware.

45. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 41, wherein each operator further comprises its own dedicated network infrastructure,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said enabling means unit is configured to enable
~~enables~~ the serving operator (A) to further seamlessly share at least a part of the network infrastructure(s) of the other operator(s) ~~(B; B, C, D, ...)~~.

46. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 41,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said enabling means unit is configured to enable
~~enables~~ said resources sharing upon occurrence of a predetermined condition.

47. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 45,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said enabling means unit is configured to enable
~~enables~~ the network infrastructure sharing upon occurrence of a predetermined condition.

48. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 46,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises exhaustion
of coverage of said serving operator (A) while other operators ~~(B, C, D, ...)~~ provide sufficient coverage.

49. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 46,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises increase of load or overload in the serving operator's ~~(A)~~-network.

50. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 46,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises congestion wherein there are no free resources for a new connection.

51. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 46,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises a situation affecting a predetermined quality service (QoS).

52. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 51, wherein interferences on the serving operator's ~~(A)~~-network are too high to fulfill requirements of service subscription for a particular customer requiring high quality carrier.

53. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 46,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein said predetermined condition comprises a situation wherein the costs for the connection are lower in another operator's ~~(e.g. B)~~-network than in the serving operator's ~~(A)~~-network.

54. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 41, comprising a radio resource management (RRM) unit ~~means~~,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein said enabling ~~means~~ unit is included in said radio resource management (RRM) ~~means~~ unit.